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I DON'T GET
IT POP! WHY ARE
THEY DISGUISED
TO LOOK LIKE
US ?

SHHH... MAN WHO WOULD
STALK TIGER, IS WISE TO FIRST
LEARN TIGER'S WEAKNESS !!!
LET US WAIT... PERHAPS
IMPERSONATORS WILL DECOY
THE HUNTERS FOR OUR
HUMBLE PURPOSE !

WIGS
COSTUMES

THEATRICAL MAKEUPS

EARL DERR BIGGERS'
WORLD FAMOUS DETECTIVE





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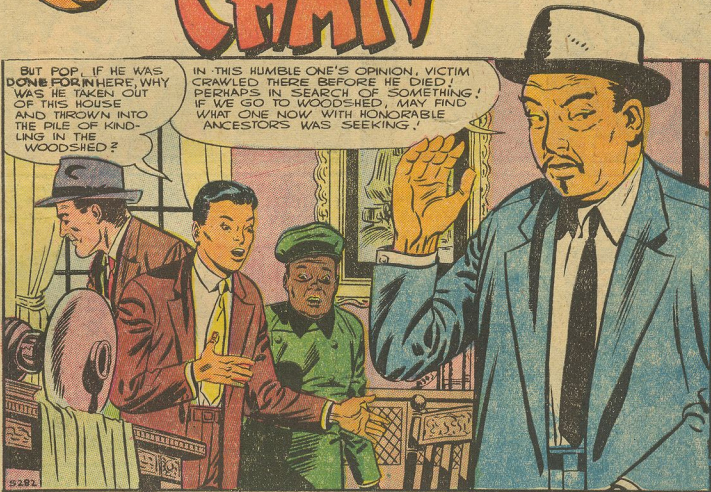
Chinese Proverb Say ---

"HE WHO LIVE TOO CLEVERLY MUST SOME-TIME BECOME...

CLEVER VICTIM"

BUT POP, IF HE WAS DONE FOR IN HERE, WHY WAS HE TAKEN OUT OF THIS HOUSE AND THROWN INTO THE PILE OF KINDLING IN THE WOODSHED?

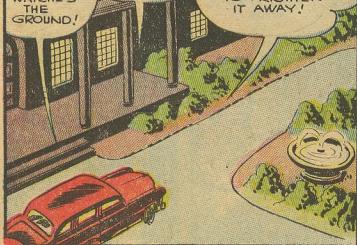
IN THIS HUMBLE ONE'S OPINION, VICTIM CRAWLED THERE BEFORE HE DIED! PERHAPS IN SEARCH OF SOMETHING! IF WE GO TO WOODSHED, MAY FIND WHAT ONE NOW WITH HONORABLE ANCESTORS WAS SEEKING!



I'VE GOT IT, BOSS! I WAIT WITH THE CAR IN THE GARAGE! JIMMY WATCHES THE GROUND!

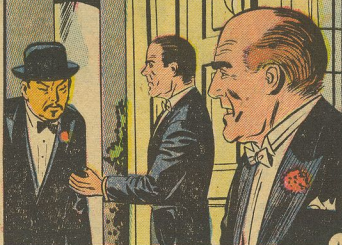
GOLLY, POP! I'D LIKE TO BE INSIDE WITH YOU, WHERE ALL THE MILLIONAIRES ARE!

LET NUMBER ONE SON REMEMBER THAT TROUBLE MAY COME FROM OUTSIDE OR INSIDE! WHO BEST PREPARES FOR IT IS MOST LIKELY TO FRIGHTEN IT AWAY!



THIS LOWLY PERSON PRESENTS SELF TO THE HONORABLE HIRAM GRAHAM!

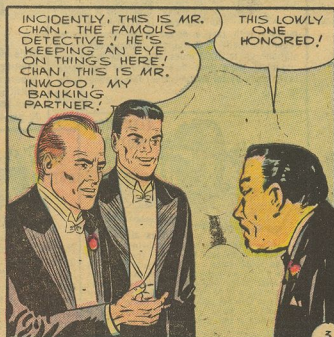
COME IN, CHAN! SURE APPRECIATE YOUR BEING ABLE TO GUARD THIS PARTY! I WANT YOU TO MEET MRS. GRAHAM!



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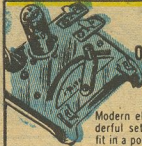


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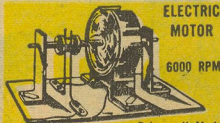
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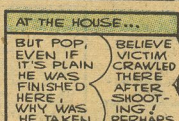
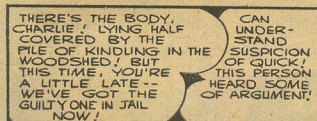
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AN HOUR LATER...

WELL, POP! WE'VE COMBED THIS WOODSHED AND FOUND NOTHING! GUESS WE'RE UP IN A BLIND ALLEY!

OLD ADAGE! MUCH MAY BE CONCEALED IN NOTHINGNESS NOTHING CONCEALED IN MUCH! BUT LET THIS HUMBLE ONE NOT DELAY YOU MORE, LIEUTENANT!

I'M GOING TO HEAD-QUARTERS TO QUESTION QUICK! WANT TO COME, CHARLIE?

AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

SURE I WAS SORE, LIEUTENANT, BUT NOT SORE ENOUGH TO KILL HIM! THINGS LIKE GRAHAM'S DEAL ARE PART OF MY BUSINESS!

THINK TIME SAVED IF WE LEAVE LIEUTENANT WITH SUSPECT AND GO ELSEWHERE!

OKAY, POP! WHERE?

A FEW MINUTES LATER, AT THE FASHION-ABLE APARTMENT OF ELI INWOOD...

LISTEN, CHAN, I'VE ALREADY TOLD THE POLICE I CAME STRAIGHT HOME FROM THE PARTY AND STAYED HERE, ASK THE SUPERINTENDENT! HE WAS AT THE DESK ALL NIGHT!

PARDON, BUT HE WHO IS INNOCENT NEED NOT FEAR QUESTIONS!

YES, MR. INWOOD CAME IN ABOUT ONE O'CLOCK AND DIDN'T LEAVE! I WAS IN THE LOBBY UNTIL MORNING!

NOW ONE FAVOR, PLEASE, THIS PERSON'S CAR PARKED ON OTHER STREET! IS WAY THROUGH BACK YARD OF APARTMENT BUILDING?

SUPERINTENDENT

THE BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT LEADS THE DETECTIVE AND HIS SON THROUGH A DOOR THAT LETS THEM INTO THE BACK COURT OF THE BUILDING...

AS I THOUGHT! RED CLAY ON FIRE ESCAPE STEPS SAME AS MD ON FARM! ELDEST SON GO AT ONCE FOR BIRMINGHAM!

GOLLY, POP! SURE!

AFTER HIS SON LEAVES, CHARLIE CHAN WALKS INTO THE GARAGE...

WILL TELL, PLEASE, WHOSE CAR IS BEING WASHED?

THIS CAR? BELONGS TO MR. INWOOD! WHY?

CHARLIE CHAN



LOOK OUT,
POP! DUCK!



IS INWOOD, AS
THIS PERSON
SUSPECTED!
ELDEST SON
WILL NOTIFY
POLICE!

I MUST HAVE LOST
MY HEAD! DEAD
GIVEAWAY TO TRY
TO SHOOT CHAN!
YES, I MURDERED
MY PARTNER!



USUAL
SOLUTION!
HAVE
CONFESSION
BEFORE
MOTIVE!

I HAD TO DO IT! GRAHAM
WAS WORTH A MILLION
TO ME IN PARTNERSHIP
INSURANCE! I'D BEEN
MAKING BAD PERSONAL
INVESTMENTS AND TAKING
PARTNERSHIP FUNDS TO
LIVE ON!



PARKED MY CAR IN THE BACK
STREET, WENT OUT AND RE-
TURNED BY THE FIRE ESCAPE!
I GOT GRAHAM JUST
AFTER QUICK LEFT! BUT
I THOUGHT I HAD COVERED
EVERYTHING!

TRUTH IS,
VICTIM
POINTED
ACCUSING
FINGER!
NEEDED
ONLY TO
OBTAIN PROOF
OF SUSPICIONS!



HOW COULD HE
DO THAT? HE
WAS FINISHED
BESIDES, WHO
HAULED HIM
TO THE WOOD-
SHED? I
GOT HIM
IN THE
HOUSE!

IT WILL ALL COME
OUT IN YOUR
TRIAL, INWOOD!
YOU'RE ON
YOUR WAY TO
JAIL RIGHT
NOW!

ANSWER
MUST BE
EXPLAINED
AT FARM!



LATER...

GRAHAM WAS
CLEVER VICTIM!
DID NOT GO AT ONCE!
IN LAST MOMENTS THOUGHT
OF WAY TO POINT FINGER
AT GUILTY ONE! THEREFORE
CRAWLED TO
WOODSHED!

I DON'T
GET IT!
HOW COULD
THAT ACCUSE
ANYONE?



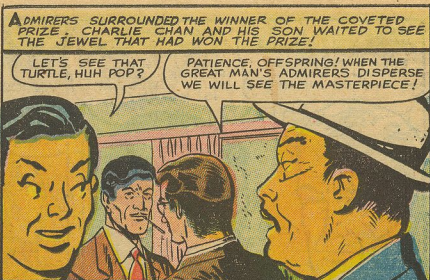
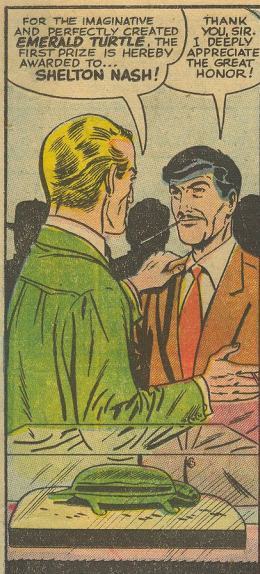
BY CRAWLING IN
WOODSHED AND
PULLING WOOD-
PILE ON HIM!
**HE LIE IN
WOOD!**
THIS HUMBLE
PERSON ASKS
LIEUTENANT
TO SAY IT
FAST!

YEAH,
I GET
IT!
**I'E
LIE IN
WOOD!
ELI
IN WOOD!**

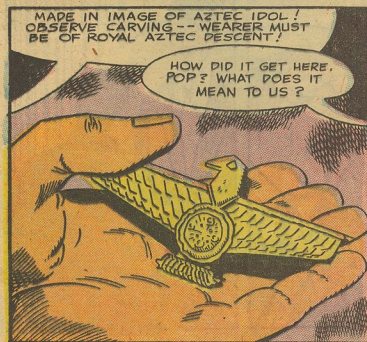
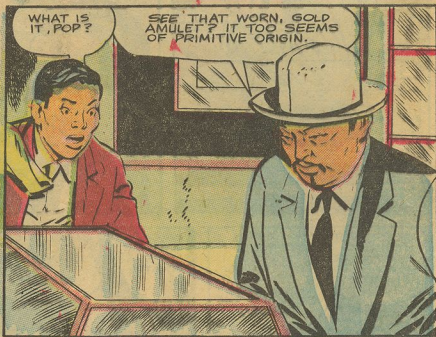
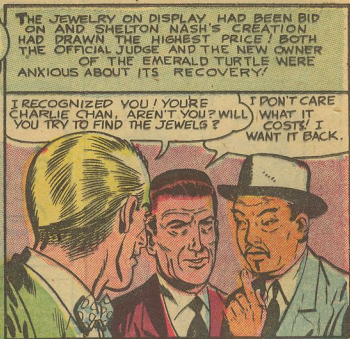
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COMMISSIONED WITH THE JOB OF RECOVERING THE STOLEN GREEN JEWEL, THE FAMOUS CHINESE DETECTIVE AND HIS SON TOOK OFF THAT DAY....

HEY, POP, WE'RE IN MEXICO! WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

RESEARCH INDICATES THAT DUPLICATE JEWEL MOST LIKELY ORIGINATED IN KRISTO! SAME IN FOOTHILLS!

NUMBER ONE SON SAW SCENERY-- BUT NOT THE KIND HE HAD IN MIND!

THERE, SENOR! NOW I RETURN TO MY VILLAGE. THERE IS DANGER HERE!

MANY THANKS, SIR. WE TRAVEL ALONE NOW.

LOOK OUT, POP! SAVAGES!

THEIR CIVILIZATION ANCIENT AS OURS. IGNORANT ONE! HE IS BUT A SENTINEL.

YOU HAVE BUSINESS IN OUR VILLAGE?

MOTIVES ARE PEACEFUL ONES! HERE TO INQUIRE ABOUT RECENT LOSS.

STRANGER SAYS STRANGE WORDS! WHY COME HERE?

PATIENCE, MY FRIEND. IS CHIEF OF TRIBE AVAILABLE?

LATER, IN VILLAGE OF KRISTO....

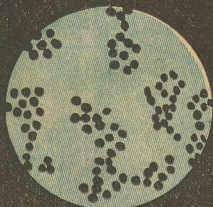
I NOT INTRUDE WILLINGLY OLD ONE. I SEEK GREEN JEWEL, WHICH I THINK HERE!

YOU HAVE LOOK OF GOOD MAN-- BUT YOU WALK IN PERIL HERE! JEWEL YOU DESCRIBE IS PROPERTY OF MY PEOPLE!

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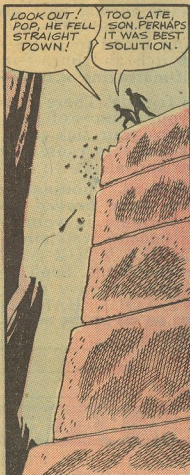
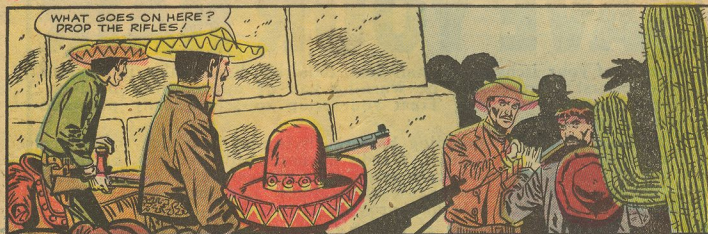
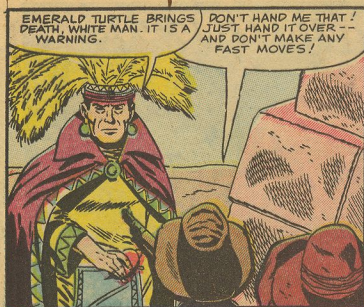
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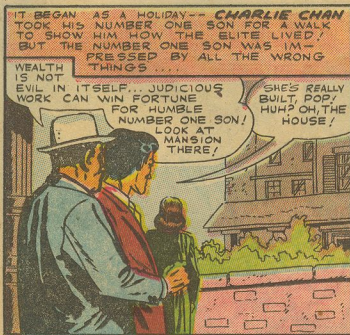
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DOUBLE MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

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MY WIFE AND I WERE DRESSING FOR THE OPERA. MY WIFE DIDN'T DISCOVER THE LOSS TILL SHE WENT TO THE SAFE. THE SERVANTS ARE OFF TODAY, OF COURSE.



CHANNING BOWLES' HOSTILE ATTITUDE PUZZLED THE CHINESE DETECTIVE, BUT HE WENT ON WITH HIS MILD, INOFFENSIVE QUESTIONS!

MOST CURIOUS! YOU AND WIFE ON SAME FLOOR AND NOT HEARING SOUND OF STEEL SAFE BEING FORCED OPEN. PLEASE EXPLAIN!

WE CAN'T EXPLAIN-- IT'S UP TO YOU FELLOWS TO ANSWER. WE HAVE INSURANCE, IT DOESN'T MATTER!



THERE'S BEEN A MAJOR CRIME COMMITTED MR. BOWLES. IT MATTERS TO THE POLICE!

MR. BOWLES TAKES CRIME LIGHTLY. IT SEEMS, WISE MAN SAID, EVIL IS HONEST MAN'S ENEMY.



YOU TWO HAVE NO OFFICIAL CONNECTION WITH THE POLICE. GET OUT, OR I'LL THROW YOU OUT!

POP, SAY THE WORD AND I'LL...



CHARLIE CHAN LEFT... NUMBER ONE SON FURIOUS. IT WAS BEGINNING TO GET DARK AS THEY ARRIVED IN THE STREET...

POP, ARE YOU GOING TO LET HIM GET AWAY WITH THROWING US OUT?

THOUGHT PRECEDES ACTION, MY SON. MR. BOWLES ACTED-- NOW HUMBLE DETECTIVE SEEKS MOVE TO MAKE HIM THINK!



AN HOUR LATER IT WAS DARK! WAS DARK! AND TWO FIGURES, ONE SLIM, THE OTHER PORTLY, STEAL SILENTLY INTO THE SHRUBBERY BESIDE THE HOUSE!

HEY, POP, HERE'S AN OPEN WINDOW!





HONORABLE SON MOST AGILE! THIS UNWORTHY ONE PERHAPS NOT SO FORTUNATE!

I'LL PULL YOU UP, POP!



COME ON, POP, WRIGGLE OVER THE SILL!

THIS HUMBLE ONE MOST OBESE! STOMACH IS MAJOR OBSTACLE IN THIS TYPE EXERCISE!



SO WHAT IF YOU DID LOSE YOUR JEWELS? THE INSURANCE COMPANY HAS PROMISED TO MAKE FULL PAYMENT!

HEY, POP, MR. BOWLES SOUNDS LIKE HE'S GLAD THE JEWELS WERE ---

SILENCE, FOOLISH ONE!



YOUNG FEET MUST BE SILENT! GO TO BOWLES' ROOM UPSTAIRS! WAIT! THIS HUMBLE PERSON WILL WAIT IN ROOM WITH SAFE!

OKAY, POP! I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S UP, BUT I'LL COOPERATE!!



QUIET! JEWELS NOT REMOVED FROM DOMICILE! WAIT AND WATCH FOR THIEF TO RETURN!

THE HOURS PASSED—CHARLIE CHAN IN THE ROOM WHERE THE SAFE WAS OPENED, HIS SON IN THE ROOM OF CHANNING BOWLES!



HONORABLE HOST APPEARS CONCERNED, WIFE GRIEVES BUT HOST WORRIES! WORRY'S FOR COMING EVENTS, GRIEF FOR PAST SORROW!

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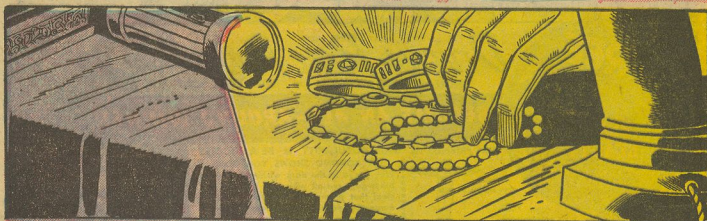
TWO HOURS PASSED---
AND CHARLIE CHAN
WONDERED IF NUMBER
ONE SON WAS STILL
UNDETECTED.

HUMBLE SON PERHAPS
ASLEEP-- OR LOOKING
OUT WINDOW AT GIRLS!

SSSHH, POP! BOWLES IS
STILL AWAKE!

THERE WASN'T A SOUND IN
THE MANSION... BUT CHARLIE
CHAN FELT THE NEARNESS
OF EVIL!

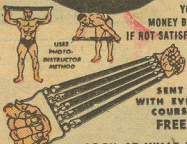
CAUTION, FOOLISH ONE!
VIOLENCE WAITS TO
PRESENT ITSELF!



GRAB HIM, POP!
THERE'S THE
STOLEN JEWELS!

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FOOLISH ONE!

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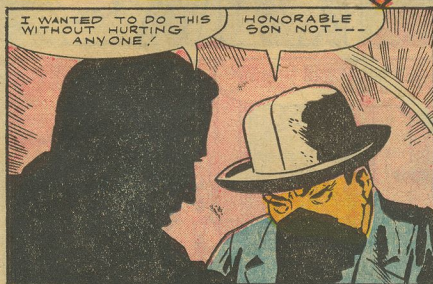
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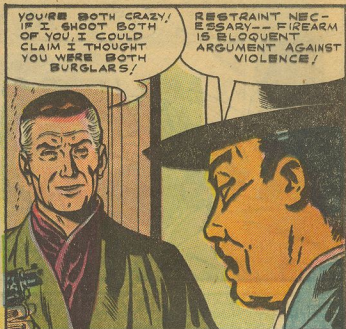


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"PAYROLL PINCH"

"The contents of the Book of Procedures is getting fatter and fatter," remarked Al Norton of Special Squad. "In another year we will be able to use it as a sort of bullet proof vest. When my grandpop was on the force in Chicago things were much simpler."

"Depends upon how you look at it," replied his buddy, Detective Ben Egan. "When conditions change in the way a crime is committed and the manner in which criminals operate, then in order to get the law breakers, we too must use different techniques. In the days when your grandpop pounded a beat, you didn't have automobiles. Yet today in order to fight the criminal who uses a car to escape from the scene of his crime, we use the radio to set up a road block."

"Guess you're right, Ben," admitted Al Norton as he slipped page 476A into the Book of Procedures. "The new sheet from the Bureau of Orders points out how careful we must be when we search a prisoner. The brass tube fillers for ball point pens have served as make-shift keys to open handcuffs. So from now on, when we remove a prisoner's property we have to also watch out for his fountain pen."

The phone rang and Norton answered it. No need to continue on the topic of rules.

"Chief Edward Mirkus wants us in his office at once. A payroll was snatched from a girl secretary. Come on! We don't want to keep the Chief waiting."

The police chief was proud of the two members of his Special Squad. They could handle anything from ordinary routine matter to the toughest assignment. The door to his office was opened and they walked in.

"Get over to the Winston Shirt Company. Located at 7903 East Meadows Avenue. Big building. They're on the fourth floor. You'll find Patrolman Jim Davis of the 29th Precinct there. The girl ran out of the building screaming for help. Patrolman Davis was on a foot beat. So he was the first on the scene."

Half hour later both detectives were in the private office of John Winston, head of the shirt outfit that carried his family's name. A thin girl with black hair cropped close to her head was in a chair sobbing.

"It was all my fault," she kept repeating. "I should have at least tried to put up a fight."

"I would rather have a live secretary than a dead heroine," comforted John Winston. "We carry payroll insurance. So you did the proper thing. I am sure the police will do their best to get the thief."

Al Norton and Ben Egan identified themselves and then Ben spoke to the girl.

"Tell us how it happened and we'll get to work on the case at once."

The girl, whose name was Mari Clark, dried her eyes and then began to speak slowly as though it were an effort to recount the details of that most unpleasant event.

"There are three elevators in this building.

Two are self service and only the freight elevator has an operator. I took the second self service elevator. It was partly dark. I guess one of the electric bulbs wasn't working. Suddenly I felt something in my back. A voice told me it was a gun; it had a silencer on it. I would be killed if I screamed. Underneath my right arm in a small briefcase were the payroll envelopes. The man grabbed it from me. Then made me turn around so I didn't see him. He pushed the button to take me to the sixth floor and then another button to bring me down again. When I came back to the main floor I ran out and screamed for help. An officer came up to me and brought me back to the office."

Both detectives listened attentively and weighed every word she spoke.

"How much was in that payroll briefcase?" said Detective Al Norton to Mr. Winston.

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"Almost ten thousand dollars," replied the owner of the shirt company. "It's made up at the bank. They have a special department for doing just that. I send them a check and a list two days ahead of time. Then my secretary calls for it."

"We want to look around," advised Ben Egan. "Ask Miss Clark to remain here. We may want to take her down to police headquarters for further questioning."

Both detectives went down to the lobby of the building. Patrolman Jim Davis was still there.

"Did you see anyone run away from the building?" asked Norton. "Or anyone acting suspiciously?"

"I was turning in from Broad Street, going south," replied the officer, "when I heard this dame right outside the building give a scream. The kind that could stop a lion dead in his tracks. She told me the whole story. I didn't see anyone. But that doesn't mean a thing; the crook could have gone the other way."

"Just what did you hear from her?" demanded Detective Egan. "Maybe she forgot to tell us an important detail. So do your best to remember every word."

The officer took out a notebook from his back pocket and smiled.

"I've got to follow the Book of Procedures. Rule 35 says to put it down in writing. Guess you can read the way I scribble. Here's her whole statement."

Ben Egan read it first and then handed it to Al Norton. Both men looked at each other.

"Let's go and find the operator of the freight elevator. Why wasn't he around?" suggested Norton.

Both detectives went back into the building and located the freight elevator operator in the basement. He was an old man and constantly put his hand to his ear as they spoke.

"I run errands for the people here," he explained. "I went to the Post Office to mail a package for one of the salesmen who works for the Winston Shirt Company. Gave me a dollar to take the package. I wasn't around when that hold-up took place."

The two detectives looked at each other and Ben Egan spoke first.

"Suppose we take the girl to headquarters. We'll put her story on tape."

John Winston was shocked at the idea when the detectives mentioned it to him.

"My secretary has suffered enough. She should be sent home at once."

"Sorry," half apologized Al Norton. "But there is a Book of Procedures. Want me to quote the rules?"

"I'll go with them, Mr. Winston," interrupted Mari Clark. "I DO want to help the law."

At headquarters Miss Clark spoke into a microphone. Then she listened to the playback of what she said.

"Why did you fake the robbery?" shot Detective Norton at her.

"And who has the payroll now?" added Detective Ben Egan.

The girl started to get hysterical and sway from side to side but it didn't affect the two men in the least.

"Stop the play acting," warned Ben Egan. "You're only making it harder for yourself. We have the goods on you and will prove it in a court of law."

It was like throwing ice water on her face. She stopped sobbing at once and looked like a frightened child.

"Every word you told us, you told the officer, and you did the same on the tape recording," explained Detective Egan. "That could mean only one thing. You memorized your story word for word. You weren't going to take a chance on a slip-up. Now who planned this and got you into it?"

An hour later Mari Clark decided to talk. Especially after Mr. Winston came over to headquarters.

"Phil Sheering, your best salesman, put me up to it," admitted Mari. "Said he would marry me if I got the money for him. He had lost a lot at the races. He was the one who sent the elevator operator to the Post Office. He took the briefcase and hid it in the basement."

"You poor fool," retorted her boss. "Phil Sheering just played you for a sucker."

Mari Clark cried again. Then she did some thinking. That was five hours later after the brief case had been recovered and Phil Sheering arrested.

"If nothing has been taken or lost, then they'll let me go, won't they?" she half pleaded.

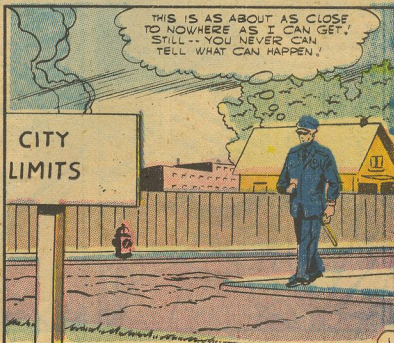
"First you spend a couple of years behind bars," reminded Detective Al Norton, "then they'll let you go."

— The End —

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POLICE WORK IN A QUIET PRECINCT CAN BE DULL -- NOT A PLACE WHERE REPUTATIONS ARE MADE AND SPARKING CAREERS ARE LAUNCHED! BOB CLARKE, FRESH OUT OF THE POLICE ACADEMY, HAD NO INTENTION OF THROWING IN THE SPONGE AND SETTLING FOR A MEDIOCRE RECORD -- HIS ENTHUSIASM WAS UNAFFECTED WHEN HE SAW THE DREARY ASSIGNMENT HE'D GOTTEN. IT WAS A...

BEAT IN THE BUSHES



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BOB CLARKE FINISHED HIS FIRST TOUR OF DUTY FEELING SICK AT HEART... BUT HE STILL WORE A SMILE WHEN HE ARRIVED AT THE STATION HOUSE...

HOW'S THINGS IN THE DEEP FOREST, BOB? QUIET?!

COURSE NOT, I SAW THREE PEOPLE AND SIX COWS! I CAUGHT A JACKRABBIT SPEEDING BUT I COULDN'T STOP HIM TO ISSUE A TICKET!

HERE I STUDY POLICE PROCEDURE AND METHODS EVERY NIGHT AND COME TO WORK EVERY DAY AND WATCH THE GRASS GROW!

IT WON'T LAST FOREVER, KID! YOU'LL GET A BREAK SOMETIME!

A CITY POLICEMAN IS ON DUTY TWENTY FOUR HOURS A DAY! IT WAS TEN DAYS LATER WHEN HE WAS GOING HOME FROM THE LATE DUTY TOUR THAT HE FIRST SAW DANDY LEGGETT...

YOU HEARD ME KNUCKLE-HEAD! I SAID YOU STEPPED ON MY FOOT!

I DON'T KNOW YOU, BUDDY, BUT I APOLOGIZED ONCE! I DIDN'T MEAN TO -- THAT'S ALL I CAN SAY!

THAT'S NOT ENOUGH! YOU NEED TO LEARN MANNERS!

ARE YOU... CUT THAT OUT!

OKAY, MAC-- YOU'VE MADE YOUR POINT! NOW TAKE IT EASY OR YOU'LL BE IN TROUBLE!

COOL OFF BUDDY!

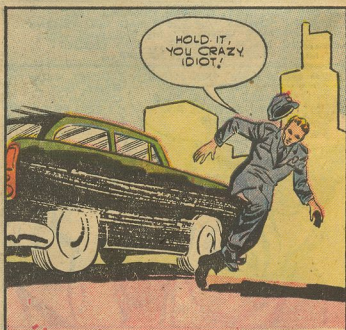
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PATROLMAN CLARKE REPORTED THE NEAR-MISS TO CAPTAIN EDWARDS AT THE PRECINCT. EDWARDS CALLED THE MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU AND CHECKED THE LICENSE NUMBER...

THE CAR WAS REPORTED STOLEN THIS MORNING, CLARKE, AND IT WAS STOLEN IN RUBY LEGGETT'S NEIGHBORHOOD. YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?

VEHICLE
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YES, SR.! IT MEANS THAT LEGGETT IS OUT TO STOP ME SO I CAN'T TESTIFY AT HIS BROTHER'S TRIAL! NEXT TIME HE TRIES, I'LL NAIL HIM!

CLARKE'S BEAT WAS LONELY ENOUGH DURING THE DAY... BUT AT NIGHT, EVEN THE HORSES WERE ABSENT. LATER THAT WEEK...

LEGGETT'S KIND OF NIGHT! HE BETTER NOT STEP OUT OF LINE AGAIN, I'LL BE READY!

THERE HE IS, PAL! MORRY'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STREET. WE GOT HIM COLD!

REMEMBER, IF WE MISS, DANDY GOES UP FOR TWENTY YEARS!

YOU MISSED, YOU DOPE. MAKE SURE THIS TIME!

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BOB CLARKE THOUGHT HE WAS THROUGH! BUT CAPTAIN EDWARDS HAD FIGURED ON RUBY LEGGETT'S SECOND TRY AT CLARKE...

THE PARTY'S OVER, RUBY! GET YOUR HANDS OVER YOUR HEAD, QUICK!



I'M STILL STUDYING AND STILL TALKING TO THE COWS... BUT ANY BEAT IS A GOOD ONE IF YOUR MIND IS ON YOUR JOB! EVEN A BEAT OUT HERE IN THE BUSHES!



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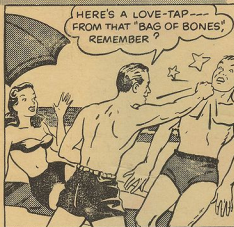
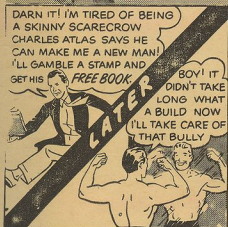
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